



presented by

THE WEST CENTRAL SINGERS

Dr. Chet Sommers, Director; Cathie Helland, Accompanist

with special guests Bob Whitney, oboe; Brian Pearson, trumpet;
and the Shining Lights Children's Choir

Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME CHRISTMAS

Presented by the West Central Singers

Welcome Pastor Steve Bielenberg

Today There Is Ringing F. M. Christianson

Today there is ringing in praise of God.
Salvation's glad tidings by angels brought,
From Bethlehem's manger are spread abroad.

There Is No Rose Of Such Virtue John Joubert

There is no rose of such virtue,
As is the rose that bare Jesu.
For in that rose contained was,
Heaven and earth in little space.

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella French Carol, arr. John Rutter

Bring a torch Jeanette, Isabella,
Bring a torch to the cradle run.
It is Jesus, good folk of the village,
Christ is born and Mary's calling.

Soprano solo by Jackie Cunningham

How Far Is It To Bethlehem arr. Stephen Paulus

How far is it to Bethlehem, not very far.
Shall we find the stable room, lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch, may we go in?

Bob Whitney, oboe
Soprano solo by Caitlyn Swinney
Tenor solo by Tim Juetten

Ave Maria C. Gounod

Bob Whitney, oboe
Cathy Helland, piano

Carol for the Audience "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No. 366

Alfred Burt Carols Alfred and Bates Burt

Please hold your applause until all four of the carols have been sung.

Nigh Bethlehem

Nigh Bethlehem on a wintry night,
Poor shepherds saw a lovely sight.
When angel hosts in vesture bright,
Burst forth from heaven's lofty height.

What Are The Signs

What are the signs of the morning,
God who created the light.
Speak through the gloom that enfolds us,
When breaks the dawn on our sight.

Christ In The Stranger's Guise

I met a stranger yestere'en,
I put food in the eating place.
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place.

Come, Dear Children

Come dear children, don't be dallying,
All the family now is rallying.
Not a moment now to spare,
Joyful haste is in the air.

As Lately We Watchedarr. C. Black

As lately we watched o'er our fields through the night,
A star there was seen of such glorious light.
All through the night the angels did sing,
Sweet carols in praise of the birth of a King.

Shining Lights Children's Choir

Only a Baby CameNatalie Sleeth

They waited for a King with crown of gold.
To save the world as was foretold.
A sovereign wise a ruler bold, but only a baby came.

Silent Night Franz Gruber, arr. P. Williams

Soprano solo: Elizabeth Jeppeson

Christmas Lullaby.....Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Are you far away from home this dark and lonely night.
Tell me what best would help you ease your mind.
Follow me and I will lead you home.

Alto solo: Bridgett Neumann

Joy to the Worldarr. Lloyd Larson

Brooke Pearson, Soprano Sax, Brian Pearson, Trumpet, Sherry Pearson, Piano

Carol for the Audience "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" No. 380

Carols for Choirsarr. John Ferguson

Why did He come? He came down that we may have love.
Love has come and never will leave us,
All out of darkness we have light.
Toda la tierra esperal Salvador
Jeg er sa glad hver julekveld
Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht

Don Broberg, Djembe, Quartet: Lynda Swinney, Soprano,
Marvelle Stone, Alto, Tim Juetten, Tenor and Mark Wamhoff, Bass

All That Hath Life and Breath Praise Ye The Lord.....Rene Clausen

All that have life and breath, praise ye the Lord,
Praise the Lord with joyful song.

Soprano solo: Elaine Boyd

The Apple TreeK. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green.
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

Baritone solo: David Swinney

Praise His Holy NameKeith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down,
Shout Hallelujah, Praise his Holy Name.

Away In A Manger.....Elmer Iseler

Soprano solo: Eileen Twedt

WEST CENTRAL SINGERS

Sopranos

Elaine Boyd of Willmar
Jackie Cunningham of Atwater
Caitlyn Swinney of Brooten
Lynda Swinney of Brooten
Eileen Twedt of Willmar

Altos

Corrine Bielenberg of Willmar
Janine Felt of Willmar
Mona Lackore of Willmar
Bridgett Neumann of Raymond
Sharon Sommers of Willmar
Marvelle Stone of Willmar
Carol Wegner of Willmar

Tenors

Steve Bielenberg of Willmar
Kent Boyd of Willmar
Don Broberg of Willmar
Ken Huntley of Willmar
Tim Juetten of Willmar
John Rubino of Willmar

Basses

Al Johnson of Spicer
Jack Kuppich of Belgrade
Mark Peterson of Kerkhoven
David Swinnney of Brooten
Paul Trudel of Kerkhoven
Mark Wamhoff of Kerkhoven

Dr. Chet Sommers, Conductor
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SHINING LIGHTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Karissa Lindquist, Elizabeth Jeppesen, Molly Jeppesen, Kourtney Hammerschmidt,
Kendra Hammerschmidt, Jaylee Schanus and Kennedy Raap
Bridgett Neumann, Conductor, Gail Hoekstra, Accompanist

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